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(57) Abstract

Binding of two members of a binding couple reveals epitopes which are revealed only after binding and antibodies directed against these epitopes bind to the bound couple at a significantly higher affinity than their binding affinity to either of the two members themselves when not bound to one another. The novel epitope and the antibodies of the invention have various therapeutic and diagnostic applications such as treatment and immunization against viral diseases.

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